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## THE REV. THOMAS PHILLIPS, D. D.

In our last we made some remarks on the decease of the Senior District Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Since that article went to press we have received the December number of the *Bible Society Reporter*, which contains extended notice of that excellent man and successful worker in the common Cause. From this article we make the following extracts, which we believe will be very gratifying to many of our readers, and to one may give wholesome instruction:

From the moment Dr. Phillips accepted an official position in the British and Foreign Bible Society he regarded his new vocation as a work for life, and well worthy of the unreserved consecration of all his powers, intellectual and physical. Throughout his long period of active service he pursued his manifold and onerous duties with an arduous and enthusiasm which never faltered, and which had an extraordinary influence in securing that rich harvest of liberality which Wales has so nobly yielded to the Bible Society.

Dr. Phillips when but a youth gave evidence of that strong desire for personal usefulness which subsequently became the ruling element in his character. He was first introduced to the notice of the Committee by the late Charles Stokes Dudley, who perceived in him qualifications admirably adapted for the special work of the Bible Society, associated with profound sympathy for its simple object and catholic constitution. Mr. Dudley during his travels in South Wales had formed the acquaintance of Dr. Phillips, then officiating as a minister at Hay, in connection with that important and influential religious body, the Calvinistic Methodists; and having found in him a willing and able helper in his efforts to extend local organization, ventured to suggest that the work of the Bible Society might afford an appropriate and congenial sphere of usefulness for the employment of his talents. The appeal elicited a prompt and

cordial response, and as the Auxiliary system needed a much wider development than had then been attained, either in England or Wales, the services of Dr. Phillips were engaged, in the first instance, for an experimental period, in order that the Committee might have full proof of his fitness, and that he might satisfy his mind that he was entering upon a position to which he was called by his Divine Master. This preliminary arrangement speedily passed into a permanent relationship; a measure which has afforded the Committee increasing satisfaction from year to year, inasmuch as the interests of the Society have been most remarkably and efficiently promoted thereby. The first report of work done was presented by Dr. Phillips at the Annual Conference of the District Secretaries in February, 1837. That document bore such clear evidence of the beneficial results of Dr. Phillips's labours—of the energetic, methodical, and successful manner in which he had discharged his duties—that the Committee arrived at the unanimous conclusion that the Society had been most providentially guided to a gentleman worthy of their entire confidence, and well qualified, under the Divine blessing, to render service of high and lasting value. Dr. Phillips was therefore requested to accept the office of Agent on behalf of the Bible Society, in Wales. From that date till his death he was the loyal, faithful, zealous, and popular representative of the Institution with which his name became so familiarly identified, and for whose prosperity he toiled with rare self-denial and unflinching zeal.

The qualifications possessed by Dr. Phillips, and which years and experience strengthened and matured, were in their nature and tendency precisely of the kind which the work of the Bible Society required. His mind was eminently practical and suggestive—not hasty in its plans nor premature in its decisions, but calm in its survey of facts, clear in its calculation of results, and, as a consequence, usually sound in its judgments. He had no ordinary tact for organization, and



ever felt that permanent results much depended upon having things commenced according to some well-defined principles and method. Hence, while not disparaging isolated action in support of the Bible Society, it was his aim to initiate system over the length and breadth of the wide field assigned to his superintendence; and he lived to see results far in excess even of the glowing anticipations he had indulged when he entered upon his work, and which he never reviewed without deep humility and profound gratitude to God, who had so graciously accepted and honoured his instrumentality. Everything was done by him, as a matter of conscience, regularly, in the proper season and place, yet not in a formal or perfunctory spirit, but with a view to efficiency and the economy of time; and thus the amount of labour he accomplished was surprisingly great. The high and absorbing conception he formed of the grandeur of the object which the Bible Society proposes to accomplish, made him feel that his office was in the fullest sense a sacred office—that his work was work for God's glory and the salvation of men. All his thoughts, purposes, and desires were centred in the Society he so dearly loved. To advance its interests, as a means of advancing the knowledge and triumph of Divine Truth, was the "one thing" which gave a beautiful unity to his life, and regulated alike his correspondence, actions, and intercourse. To become a competent exponent of the Society's principles and the advocate of its claims, he felt it indispensable to make himself thoroughly versed in all that pertained to its constitution and operations, and there were few who had a more complete and accurate knowledge of the history and growth of the Society, at home and abroad. Being convinced of the soundness of the basis on which the Society was constructed, he was jealous of all modifications which did not carry conclusive evidence that they were changes rendered necessary by circumstances and tending to improvement; and the beneficial effect of his counsels was repeatedly felt in seasons of controversial difficulty. The genial and loving spirit of Dr. Phillips gave him special adaptation for creating an influence in all circles in favour of the Society he served. As that Society acts irrespective of ecclesiastical organization, and seeks to win the sympathy and help of all who hold to the Holy Scriptures as the record of Inspired Truth, its action must be governed by a true-hearted catholicity. In this respect Dr. Phillips was a faithful representative of the Society. Whilst not faltering in the convictions with which he commenced his religious life, he could cheerfully and without reserve co-operate with all the disciples of Christ; and he was equally welcome and valued, as a visitor, in the circles of Episcopalians and Non-conformists. The spirit of love and forbearance by which he was distinguished made him very successful in dispelling prejudice, removing difficulties to united action when angry feelings had been aroused, and bringing into fresh harmony those whom some misunderstanding had unfortunately separated. So great was his success in dealing with disputes and reconciling the disputants, that he was generally known by the name of the "Peace-Maker;" and often has the soothing influence of his tender words put an end to variance and strife.

In 1853 Dr. Phillips was brought to London to serve as Jubilee Secretary while preparations for the observance of the Society's Jubilee were in preparation, the duties of which position he performed so successfully. It was this that probably suggested the propriety of appointing him one of the delegates, in connection with the Rev. Thomas Nolan, to the Jubilee of the American Bible Society, of which the article thus speaks.

Dr. Phillips had at different times cherished a wish to visit the American continent if Providence should ever open the way. Large Welsh colonies were gathered there, speaking the mother tongue, and clinging to the religious belief and customs of their native land. Many in whose hearts Dr. Phillips had kindled the first spark of zeal in the Bible cause retained the grateful recollection of his counsel and influence, and were eager that he should see them in the land of their adoption. The Jubilee of the American Bible Society occurred in the year 1866, and its Board of Directors requested the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, as a proof of sympathy and friendship, to appoint a delegation to be the bearer of good wishes and congratulations to the sister Society at New York. It was a proposal which could not be declined, nor had the Committee any desire to do so; and in selecting one who would be a fitting representative, it appeared very natural that the Society's own Jubilee Secretary should be appointed for this honourable and pleasant mission. Dr. Phillips therefore, in conjunction with the Rev. T. Nolan, formed the deputation, and, after discharging the immediate duty with which he was intrusted, he spent some time amongst the Welsh settlements, where he met many friends of his youth, who hailed his visit with unbounded delight, as reviving the memories and renewing the impressions of the old land from which they were separated. Dr. Phillips used the opportunity as a means of urging the importance of systematic efforts for sustaining the American Bible Society, with which the change of country had necessarily placed them in connection, and whose object is identical with that of the older Society in Great Britain. It was on the occasion of this visit to the United States that he was invested with the honorary distinction of D.D. by the University of New York.

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## Foreign Department.

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**SOUTH AMERICA—URUGUAY.**—Mr. Milne writes encouragingly from Monte Video. The work seems to make steady, if apparently slow, progress. He writes of a young German who had been several years preparing for the priesthood, who is now studying the Bible and preparing to preach the true Gospel in Spanish. Favourable indications are given by some others. In several cases, persons who had received the Bible refused to give it up, at the command of the priests, on any consideration. The work of supplying schools with the Testament as a reading book still goes forward. But these things cannot be effected in a day; it takes time to impress the public mind. On the



whole, we have reason to be encouraged in regard to our work in Uruguay. How Mr. Milne's operations will be effected by the siege of Monte Video we do not know, as his last letter was written before the siege began. A time of war is often favourable to the circulation of the Scriptures, because, in the apprehensions of death, soldiers are more ready to receive, are brought together in great numbers, and are out of the way of priestly restraint and opposition. We do not know how it is in Monte Video and Uruguay.

FRANCE.—By documents received, we learn that the Evangelical Society of Geneva is doing a good work in France, especially among the French soldiers and prisoners. Their field of labour lies chiefly in the portions of France lying near to Geneva, where they commenced with only three colporteurs, distributing Bibles, Testaments, and tracts. They have now thirty-eight colporteurs to meet the increasing demand occasioned by the war, several thousands of Testaments and more than 100,000 portions of Scripture having been distributed. They appeal to the American Bible Society for aid, which has been cheerfully granted.

GERMANY.—We learn from Dr. Jacoby that he has availed himself to good purpose of the grant from the American Bible Society for the supply of German soldiers and French prisoners. A letter from him, dated Greifenberg, Pomerania, relates some pleasing incidents and results of Bible distribution.

TURKEY.—The Rev. Mr. Bliss, in a communication recently received, gives an interesting account of the effect produced by a single Bible in the Taurus Mountains. It shows how the Bible does its work in removing error, quickening the conscience, and stirring up the mind to religious inquiry. The Bible is not distributed in vain.

MICRONESIAN ISLANDS.—The work spreads in the Micronesian Islands. A letter recently received from Rev. J. F. Pogue, of Honolulu, gives us some cheering facts on that subject. The conversion of the people to Christianity makes demand for the Scriptures among them. We have printed sundry portions of Scripture in the languages of the people on these islands, and have more in progress.

#### TURKEY—INTERESTING FACTS.

FROM REV. I. G. BLISS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 6, 1870.

DEAR SIR:—The following incident was reported at our last "monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world." Some eight years ago our lamented brother, the Rev. Mr. Coffing, visited Hadjin, a large town of ancient Cilicia, north of the Taurus Mountains. His presence in the place, and labours as a missionary aroused the bitter animosity of the Armenians, and they rose against him, and with violence drove him and his wife from the town. While there, however,

Mr. Coffing sold a Bible to an Armenian with whom he had some intercourse. It seems that this man had business in a place called Yerehbakan, a town in the midst of the Taurus Mountains, not far from Sis. On going there to attend to this business, he took his Bible with him, and gathering some of the people to his room, read to them from it. These persons appeared so interested in what was read to them, that the next time his business called him to Yerehbakan, he took his Bible with him again and read to all disposed to listen.

The words they heard from the book were new words to them. The more they heard the more interested did they become, and longed to have the book as their own. Several of them at last said to the owner of this Bible: "You evidently do not care very much for this book; sell it to us." So they made a bargain with the man, paying him fifty per cent. more than he had paid for it. Those who had united to make the purchase of this Bible made it their daily study. This searching of the Scriptures induced earnest thought, and it was not long before one and another said: "How is this? Nothing is written here about mass; we do not find confession to the priest here commended," etc. One by one they began to lose confidence in the traditions and doctrines of the Church in which they had been reared, and place their reliance on the teachings of the word.

Alone in their mountain homes, without assistance from any quarter, they continued their study of this one Bible until their love for its truths prompted them to unite and build a room (one far better than any found in their own houses) and consecrate it to the "Book." Up to that time they knew nothing of Protestantism. They had only heard that in some of the cities there existed a small, despised sect called Protestants. In 1868 two students from the Theological School of the Mission at Marash, were sent as colporteurs into that district. After visiting Hadjin, they went to Yerehbakan. Here they found this company of Bible readers, and with great joy gave them the right hand of fellowship as Protestant Christians.

Then followed opposition and persecution because of the word. Some of the inhabitants of the town even sought to take the room from them. The matter was carried before the governor of the place for adjudication. After he had investigated the case, he gave his decision, that as the room was consecrated to the Book, those who clung to the Book must have the room in which to read it as they desired. There is now in Yerehbakan quite a band of Protestants, of whom some give evidence that they have passed from death unto life. Even the headman of the Armenians, whose opposition two years ago was full of bitterness, is now himself a student of the word. How true is it that the word of God shall accomplish that which Jehovah pleaseth, and shall prosper in the thing whereunto it is sent.

Yours truly,

I. G. BLISS.

#### URUGUAY.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF MR. MILNE.

MONTÉ VIDEO, October 25, 1870.

Some weeks ago I sold a Bible to a young Spaniard who had gone through several years' study



preparatory to the priesthood. He has given up that idea, and is now studying the Bible and endeavouring to fit himself for the preaching of the Gospel in Spanish. I have not seen a great deal of him, but Mr. Thomson thinks very highly of him. This young Spaniard's name is Estole; he is at present teaching in a school, and goes to Mr. Thomson's house for religious instruction, as well as attends all the Spanish meetings. If I am not mistaken, I told you about a year ago of another Romish priest who bought a Swedish Bible from me at that time, for his servant. Since then I have met with him on many occasions, when he has always shown himself very friendly, but never until recently did I have any close conversation with him on religious matters, when he related his experience. It is now three years since he laid off his priestly robes. At present he has a school in the neighbourhood of the Villa Union, about two miles out of the city. A few days ago I met him just as I was starting with my books. As he passed he said: "Spread the Gospel—spread the Gospel; that is what the country needs." He would like to preach; but he does not yet see his way clear. His name is —.

A few nights ago, on entering a wholesale warehouse, I met a storekeeper who had bought a Bible from me in the town of Santa Lucia more than a year ago. He reminded me of the occasion of his buying it, and told me that the Sunday after, the parish priest preached a sermon against the Bible. At the close he enjoined upon all the duty of taking them to him. A few days after he called upon this storekeeper. On his asking him if he had bought a Bible he told him he had, and that he liked it, and would not part with it even if he should pay him. What was rather singular is the fact that he was just speaking of this when I went in.

I met a young lady recently who told that she was in Mercedes at the time George Schmidt went there with Bibles, now some years ago. She said that the priest then made a great ado about the prohibited Bibles; but not being much respected, few gave any heed to him. Her friends, at least, did not give up their Bible.

In my last I promised to give you some information respecting Brazil. I have written to Pastor Kleingünther, Porto Alegre, the superintendent of the missionary work of the German Evangelical Church in the colonies. I have also written to Pastor Wegel, San Leopoldo, Rio Grande. I have asked each of these friends of the work to send me any well authenticated information they might consider useful for me, with the view of Bible circulation.

I have a number of a German periodical, which gives the statistics of the German colonies in Brazil, but I have not been able to get it translated into English. If the information be considered sufficiently encouraging, would it not be well to add these colonies as well as the towns and cities of the two southern provinces of Brazil to this field? From the information I have already been able to collect, I am of opinion that in the German colonies alone there is sufficient work to keep a colporteur constantly occupied, and I do not think the work would be very expensive.

There are many towns in the provinces of Rio

Grande do Sul and Santa Calhauna, which have not been visited by a Bible colporteur for a long time, if at all. In the province of Rio Grande do Sul I have been told particularly of the following: Rio Grande, with a population of about 15,000; at a distance of ten leagues from which is Plotas; at a short distance from which is the city of Yaguaron. Thirty leagues from Yaguaron is Porto Alegre, with some 30,000 inhabitants; Rio Pardo, with 8,000 and Cosuela with 5,000. If the Board are willing to grant a supply of German and Portuguese books, and approve of the step, I am ready to do as may be suggested.

#### GERMANY.—WORK IN THE ARMY.

LETTER FROM REV. L. S. JACOBY.

GREIFENBERG, POMERANIA, NOV. 15, 1870.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—I thank you for your lines of October 8th, and I request you to give to the Board my best thanks for its readiness in granting \$600 extra, that I may be better able to provide the army with the New Testament and Psalms, and the sick and wounded with the Holy Bible. We try to labour faithfully in this great work.

Last Sunday I was much encouraged by the following incident: The son of one of our members was wounded in the great battle near Sedan, lingered several weeks in the hospital, and died. I visited the afflicted mother, who was sick for sorrow, and she showed me his New Testament and Psalms (published by the American Bible Society) which had been sent back to her, and which showed signs that it had been much used.

From Soisson, France, a German soldier requests us to send him a New Testament, as he could not receive one when he was quartered in Bremen. Rev. Dr. Wichern, the superintendent of the Camp Diacony, requests us to provide him with as many New Testaments and Psalms as we are able to do. He is in great want of them. The same request we received from Breslau. The American Bible Society will do its duty in this great war, and the word of God cannot be distributed in vain.

God bless you, my dear brother, and bless the labour of our hands. I thank God that he has honoured me to do the work of this year.

Yours, faithfully,

L. S. JACOBY.

#### MICRONESIA.

FROM A LETTER OF REV. J. F. POGUE.

MISSION ROOMS, HONOLULU, OAHU, H. I.,  
November 17, 1870.

We have cheering news from all our missions in Micronesia. The vessel chartered to take supplies to them has just returned. The Lord is doing a wonderful work at Tapiteuea, or Drummon's Island, of the Gilbert or King's Mill Group, as also at Butaritari, Apaiang, and Tarawa; not so marked, however, on these last as on the first mentioned. The Marshall Islands are not without a blessing. The new stations taken in this group in 1869 are doing as well as could be expected. Ponape, too, of the Caroline group, has been abundantly blessed the past year. Our only brother in that field has been very much cheered in his labours. The Gospel is having free course. Men, we hope, have been converted. The portions of the Bible published in that language are being read, and are exerting that influence which we



may expect from this Holy Book when read and preached in simplicity. May the Master ever put honour upon his own word!

## Domestic Department.

### RECENT INTELLIGENCE FROM OUR AGENTS.

**OHIO.**—Rev. C. S. Martindale, in the northern part of this State, made a very encouraging report for the month of November. His remittances amounted to \$1,774 26, of which more than \$700 were collected through his personal labours. He visited sixteen Bible societies; attended six anniversaries; delivered eighteen Bible sermons and addresses; issued 2,857 letters and circulars in the interest of the Cause; and travelled officially 1,491 miles. His report also embraces the following: On the fields of four auxiliaries, 5,870 families were visited; 338 were found destitute; and 206 were supplied with copies of the Scriptures, besides fifty-eight persons and six Sabbath schools.

**MINNESOTA.**—Rev. M. N. Adams, during the month of November, travelled by private conveyance a distance of 425 miles, and visited no fewer than twenty Bible societies, besides attending eight anniversaries, and delivering twenty-four Bible sermons and addresses. His labours also embrace the sending out of 225 official communications, and the organization of five new societies. The Bible cause in the portion of the State visited is advancing, and the societies generally are working well. Railroads, our Agent says, are being pushed forward, and are revolutionizing the towns and villages. This movement, it is hoped, will prove a gain to our Cause in the greater progress of the people, and in an increase of material wealth.

**NEBRASKA AND COLORADO.**—November [says Rev. Wm. McCandlish, of this agency] has been very favourable for Bible work. I have operated within the bounds of seven auxiliary societies. In the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lincoln the anniversary of the Lancaster County Bible Society, Neb., was held, the meeting being one of very special interest. This is an excellent society. Lincoln is a town only five years old, and its very rapid growth makes it a wonder of the West. The canvass of Ottoway County is in progress, with many signs of encouragement.

**TEXAS.**—Rev. W. J. Joyce, of Southwestern Texas, reports various hindrances in his work, but labours on with unabated earnestness. We give his account of his labours for the month:

I have visited six Bible societies. The first visited was Seguin, where arrangements were made for an anniversary. Then came Lockhart; and though there was here an excellent prospect for a good meeting, there turned out to be rain at night; still we received \$104 67 in cash. Gonzales was the next point, and here we were again met by rain, which prevented a meeting of the society. Thence we proceeded to Leesburg; the people were got together, and, strange to say, we had more rain; a collection, however, was taken, amounting to \$45 65.

Of the work of Bible distribution, Mr. Joyce says:

After so long a time the canvassing has commenced. I have an active man for several fields. The Leesburg field is now being canvassed. Others will follow. The overflow has been terrible; but I hope to have the whole agency canvassed without aid from the Parent Society.

### BRIEF EXTRACTS FROM AGENTS' REPORTS.

The month has been one of much pleasure, comfort, and encouragement in my work. Much has been done by our auxiliaries in the way of distribution, and some of them are endeavouring to put colporteurs in the field.—Rev. E. A. Bolles, of South Carolina.

The work for November is very encouraging. Canvassing is still going on. God has wrought a great change in favour of our work among the freedmen.—Rev. Dr. George S. Savage, of Kentucky.

Bible mass meetings are in contemplation at various important points. Thus we hope to deepen the interest in the word of God, and largely promote its circulation.—Rev. Edmund Wright, of Missouri.

We are still doing something in the way of canvassing. The supply of Weakley County, Tenn., has just been completed, and we will finish three or four more before long.—Rev. S. P. Whitten, of Northern Mississippi and Western Tennessee.

I rejoice to observe a growing interest manifested by the ministers and members of the Baptist Church throughout the State.—Rev. W. A. Parks, of Georgia.

The month has been, like others, a brief period of arduous, pleasant labour. Though a due degree of interest has not yet been attained, there is evident progress in the right direction.—Rev. J. B. Richardson, of Western New York.

The receipts of the Troy Female Bible Society are in advance of last year. Warren County Bible Society is in a good pecuniary condition. Brown County is putting on new energy, and measures were matured for an agent to enter the field. The last anniversary was the most spirited held for many years.—Rev. W. Herr, of Southern Ohio.

### AUXILIARIES.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY, NEW YORK.**—The annual meeting of the above society took place on the 11th of October, at Mongaup Valley. The president, W. Kiersted, Esq., referred to the fact that a town society was organized at Bethel in 1850; the collections were made by collectors appointed, one in each school district. Up to 1862, for eleven years, the annual collections averaged \$47 06. In 1863 it was resolved to apply the funds collected to making life members of the collectors, and in seven years \$1,290 79 were collected, showing an annual average of \$184 40; this shows that the proffered life-membership to the collectors (with the growing interest in the Cause) has increased the collections during the past seven years, over the previous eleven years, by an average sum of \$137 34 annually.

There are also efficient branch societies in several other towns in this county. The receipts from all sources for the year, which were remitted entire to the Parent Society, amounted to \$577 63. The following resolution called forth earnest remarks and was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That while the meeting desires humbly and gratefully to acknowledge the Divine blessing which has attended the operations of the American Bible Society during the present year, yet it cannot but lament that the sum contributed by all the auxiliaries should be no more than \$161,476 78; and viewing the burden of prophecy and the signs of the times, it deems it the imperative duty of all who profess to believe and love the Bible, to attempt and expect, in connection with the spread of the Gospel, greater things than have been heretofore realized in the history of Christian effort.

**GALLIA COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY, OHIO.**—At the annual meeting of this auxiliary, recently held, an address was delivered by our Agent for Southern Ohio, Rev. William Herr, and annual reports were presented by the treasurer and depository of the society. The year's receipts were \$506 49; and of 1,267 families visited, forty-one had been found destitute and were supplied, besides eighteen individuals and three Sabbath schools. There are co-operating with this auxiliary seven branch organizations.

**NEWBERRY DISTRICT BIBLE SOCIETY, SOUTH CARO-**



**IOWA.**—Appropriate anniversary exercises were held by this society on the 12th of November, in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Newberry. A very interesting address was delivered by Rev. E. R. Miles. Excellent remarks were also made by the president, Robert Moorman, Esq., and by our Agent for the State, Rev. E. A. Bolles. Among other resolutions adopted on the occasion is the following:

*Resolved*, That this society heartily endorse the objects and action of the American Bible Society, and return sincere thanks to it for its liberality, not only in supplying our destitute people gratuitously, but also for cancelling the old debt of this society contracted before the war.

**CLARKSVILLE BIBLE SOCIETY, TENNESSEE.**—The second anniversary meeting of this auxiliary took place recently, in the First Baptist Church of Clarksville. A large and attentive audience testified to the interest felt in the occasion, the chair being occupied by Hon. D. N. Kennedy, president of the society. The Rev. J. P. McFerrin conducted the devotional services, after which the several yearly reports were read; when Rev. C. H. Wiley, Agent for the Parent Society, delivered an effective address. A colporteur has been earnestly engaged, who reports that 438 copies of the Scriptures have been put in circulation. The receipts for the year were \$498 90.

**POTTOWATOMIE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY, IOWA.**—The annual meeting of this auxiliary was held on the 25th December, at Council Bluffs, in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. T. F. Thickstun and Rev. H. P. Roberts conducted the religious services; when the treasurer's report was read, showing that the receipts of the year from all sources amounted to \$624 39. Addresses then followed, from our State Agent, Rev. W. A. Chambers, and from Rev. Mr. Thickstun and Rev. Mr. Cleland, which were full of interest. It was resolved that the city of Council Bluffs be thoroughly canvassed, and Rev. J. L. Fort was appointed to engage in this work. A resolution was also adopted, that the society be placed during the current year on an independent basis by the payment of its indebtedness to the Parent Institution.

**OTHER AUXILIARIES REPORTED.**—In addition to the auxiliaries already noticed, we have reports from the following: Lucas, Jackson, Stark, and Putnam Counties, and Bucksin Valley, *Ohio*; Barry and Cass Counties, Jonesville and Adrian, *Mich.*; Perry and Alexander Counties, *Ill.*; Polk, Trempealeau, Jackson, Dodge, Wau-shara, Crawford, and Monroe Counties, Weyauwega, Shawano, Springfield, Green, and Union of Sauk County, *Wis.*; Hancock, Wright, and Pocahontas Counties, *Iowa*; Rice County, *Minn.*; Caldwell, Ohio, Lyon, and Trigg Counties, Nicholasville and Jessamine County, Harrodsburg and Vicinity, Lagrange and Oldham County, and Richmond and Madison County, *Ky.*; Macon, Shelby, Livingston, Stone, McDonald, and Christian Counties, and Hamilton, *Mo.*; Conway and Prairie Counties, and Brownsville and Vicinity, *Ark.*; Lancaster County, *Neb.*; Reidville, *S. C.*; Greene County, *Ga.*; Blount County, *Ala.*; Gonzales County, and Seguin and Leeburg, *Texas*. The receipts of these societies collectively have amounted to \$10,565 36; and within their fields no fewer than 8,690 families have been visited. Among these, 706 were found without the Scriptures, of which 439 were supplied, besides 113 individuals and forty Sabbath schools.

#### THE CHINESE.

In an interesting article in the *American Missionary* on "Thanksgiving among the Chinamen"

at North Adams, Mass., the following remarks occur:

Lately Mr. Gilbert, of the New England Bible Society, brought them a gift of Testaments in their own tongue, accompanying the presentation with a brief address, interpreted by Ah Sing, in which he told them something of the history of our Pilgrim Fathers, who came to this country with the Bible for their book of laws, and on the basis of its teachings built this great and prosperous nation.

This is a part of the work of our own Society, as the Rev. W. H. Gilbert, alluded to above, is the Agent of the American Bible Society in New England, and not the agent of the New England Bible Society; for there is really no such society. It shows one of the ways in which our Society is labouring for the benefit of the Chinamen in our country. But this is only a small feature, the work on the Pacific far transcending it in magnitude and importance. The attentive readers of the Record are aware that a liberal system of colportage has been initiated among them, for which \$2,000 have already been appropriated. This work we consider very promising.

#### SCRIPTURES TO THE NEEDY.

U. S. SHIP TERROR, KEY WEST, FLA., Dec. 6, 1870.

GENTLEMEN:—I have received the case of 500 Testaments, and thank you with all my heart. Nearly 100 are already distributed freely among sailors, soldiers, and poor cottagers here, who, in each instance, had none. I will write you again when further material progress is made or more are needed.

Very sincerely, your servant,

ROBERT BURTON RODNEY,

Paymaster U. S. Navy.

#### VERMONT BIBLE SOCIETY.

A prominent part of the work of this society during its fifty-eighth year, which closed in the month of October, has been that of searching out and supplying the destitute. This work was commenced four years ago, but about half of the State remained to be canvassed. Competent and faithful agents have been employed, and, as the result of their labours, one hundred towns have been visited, containing 20,881 families, of which 1,780 were found destitute, and 992 were supplied with the Scriptures. The canvass of the State is now approaching completion, some ten or twelve towns only remaining to be visited. The total receipts for the year were \$6,822 85. Of the Parent Society the report makes these remarks:

Its area of operations is broad and its work magnificent. Its vigor increases with age, and its activity with years; and its ultimate aim is the supply of every destitute family and individual on the entire globe.

The following also appears in the report:

What is now more especially needed is men and money. The desire and the petition must assume an altered form. We are not to ask so much for



the opening of barred gates and the overthrow of excluding walls as for a new baptism of missionary zeal; as for an offering to the grand work of Scripture distribution like that of the children of Israel for the tabernacle.

We are glad to note the efficient and acceptable services of the new secretary of this society, Rev. E. Irwin Carpenter.

#### CALIFORNIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

The twenty-first anniversary of this important society was held at the Union Square Baptist Church, of San Francisco. The following report of Bible distribution in various parts of the State, was submitted:

Circulation past year, 10,967 vols.; donations, past year, 1,970 vols.; families visited by local agents, 8,254; families found destitute, 1,218; families supplied, 795; Bibles and Testaments thus circulated in families, 3,528; Bibles and Testaments donated, 950.

The agents who performed the above work also delivered three hundred discourses in support of the Bible cause. Pointed addresses followed the report, from Rev. Mr. Lawtelle, pastor of the Baptist Church and from Rev. Mr. Richardson, who for five years was a local agent of the society, and Rev. Mr. Smith, of Galt, Canada. It was urged by these speakers that the circulation of the word of God should be attended with zealous, warm-hearted Christian labour; that the Bible should be placed in the household, so that its truths might be practised, and might operate on the heart and life. It was shown that the work of the Bible society "rises from a mere mercenary transaction to the full conception of Paul's idea of ministerial labour, 'preaching the Gospel publicly, and from house to house,' with this peculiar and distinguishing feature, that for the most part it builds on no other man's foundation, but carries the Gospel into the highways and hedges of the land."

**THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE,**  
of the Meth. Ep. Church, South, at its recent meeting, adopted the following minute:

*Resolved*, That we will renew our efforts to impress upon the mind of our people the necessity of greater diligence in the study of the Bible.

*Resolved*, That we will unite whatever influence we may possess in favour of every effort which may be made by the Parent Bible Society, with all their auxiliaries, wherever and whenever we may come into contact with them, in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

#### WACO BIBLE SOCIETY, TEXAS.

##### A MODEL SOCIETY.

This auxiliary was reorganized in April last, and measures were at once taken for a thorough canvass and supply of the city and county, as soon as a proper agent and the necessary books could be secured. The president, in a letter just received, informs us that the Rev. D. C. Kinnard has been

in the field for two weeks, in which time he has visited over 200 families in the county, and sold Bibles and Testaments to the amount of ninety dollars in gold. "He will continue his work until every family (white and coloured) is visited and supplied."

The president adds: "We hope, by God's blessing, to make ours a live society, and to be able in future to make some returns for all the aid received from your noble Society." A remittance of \$100 accompanies this letter.

The following extracts, from the proceedings of a recent meeting of the board of managers of this auxiliary, will show the spirit which animates them, and which is worthy of general imitation:

The officers and managers of the Waco Bible Society met at the office of Judge F. H. Sleeper, October 1st, 1870. There were present Geo. W. Jackson, president; F. H. Sleeper, vice president; E. H. Carter, treasurer; John Reviere, depositary; J. K. Street, secretary; and Col. W. A. Fort and Dr. J. S. Napier, of the board of managers.

Meeting called to order by the president, and opened with prayer by Rev. Thos. Stanford.

The treasurer made the following statement of liabilities of the society: Amount due American Bible Society, \$579 32, and that there were Bibles and other property in the hands of the depositary, amounting to \$663 20.

The following resolution was then adopted:

"Whereas, It is known to this board that many families in the city of Waco and in our county, are destitute of the Holy Scriptures, and feeling the duty incumbent upon us, that the destitution should be fully ascertained and supplied as soon as it can be done. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. D. C. Kinnard be engaged as an agent of the Waco Bible Society, to canvass the county thoroughly, and, as far as possible, relieve the destitution.

*Resolved further*, That the coloured families, as well as the white, be visited, and that he be requested to make monthly reports of his labours.

On motion of Dr. Napier, it was *Resolved*, That a committee of five, of which the president of this society be chairman, be appointed to issue an address to the citizens of the county.

The president appointed J. W. Speight, Col. Wm. A. Fort, Judge F. H. Sleeper, and Dr. Napier, who presented the following address, which was read and adopted:

*To the Friends of the Bible Cause, greeting:*

We feel that the time has fully come when a thorough canvass of our city and county should be made, and every family supplied with the word of God. Through the liberality of the American Bible Society we have been able to purchase a full supply of Bibles. Our duty is to see that they are judiciously distributed. To accomplish this, we have most fortunately secured the services of the Rev. D. C. Kinnard, whose large experience in, and devoted love of the Bible cause, warrants us in the belief that the work will be faithfully performed.

For him and our present work we invoke your prayers that God may bless all our endeavours, your cordial co-operation that every family may



be reached, and your liberal contributions that we may be enabled to cancel our indebtedness to the Bible Society and aid it in sending the Bible to all the dark places of the earth.

Fraternally yours,

Geo. W. Jackson, J. W. Speight, Wm. A. Fort,  
F. H. Sleeper, John S. Napier.

The depository of this society is at the drug-store of Mr. J. M. Reveire.

#### NEW JERSEY.

Dr. Sheldon, in a recent letter, makes the following interesting statement:

On the 5th of November I attended the anniversary of the Hudson County Bible Society in Jersey City, where the reports were decidedly encouraging; on the 10th, the Monmouth County Bible Society held a large and spirited meeting at Freehold, at which was reported completion of the work of supply of Long Branch, 2,000 volumes, suitably labelled, having been placed in the hotels and boarding-houses of that great and popular resort, and all by the vigorous action of the auxiliary; on the 28th, the Essex County Bible Society, the largest and most important society in my field, held a large and successful annual meeting, the receipts showing a handsome advance. On the 1st of December, the Camden County Bible Society celebrated its anniversary under very favourable auspices, showing an advance all along the line, as did the meeting in Ocean County, on the 5th of that month.

#### LUTHERAN SYNOD—SOUTH CAROLINA.

At a meeting in November last, this body adopted the following, after an address by our Agent upon the operations of the Society:

Whereas, The Rev. E. A. Bolles, Superintendent of the American Bible Society in South Carolina, has given us a statement of the great work of the Society, and especially in this State, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the American Bible Society, distributing gratuitously the word of God, without note or comment, to many in our State who have not and are too indigent to purchase the Sacred Scriptures, meets with our approbation and shall receive our hearty co-operation.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rev. E. A. Bolles, the Superintendent of the American Bible Society for South Carolina, is welcome to operate in our charges, and that we will assist him in his noble work.

#### THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

of the Methodist Episcopal Church North, adopted, December 26, 1870, the following report:

The American Bible Society is a most important instrumentality in the great work of enlightening, reforming, and Christianizing the people among whom we labour, and, as ministers of "the word," we will give it our cordial and earnest support, and present its claims to our people. Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we will welcome and co-operate with the Agents of the American Bible Society in our several fields of labour, and, wherever practicable, we will take collections in aid of its funds.

*Resolved*, 2. That, as a Conference, we tender to Rev. E. A. Bolles our sincere thanks for his ready assistance in procuring Bibles for some of our pulpits, and Bibles and Testaments for many of our needy and worthy Sunday schools and families; and we commend him, that he exercises such care and investigation before he approves applications for grants, and also that he uses no partiality on account of colour or the absence of it. We therefore welcome him to our charges, and will publish his name and residence in our Minutes.

*Resolved*, 3. That the funds collected the past year be paid over to Mr. Bolles, for the American Bible Society, and that we do our best to increase our collections for this noble Cause the coming year.

#### THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at its late meeting, adopted the following Minute:

*Resolved*, That we will continue our efforts to co-operate with the American Bible Society in the future, and that we hereby urge our people to give attention to the circulation of the Bible among the people of colour within our bounds.

*Resolved*, That the members of this Conference preach especially upon the duty of reading and circulating the Scriptures among all destitute classes.

#### THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, adopted, at its sessions in November last, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Conference has entire confidence in the American Bible Society; that we regard that noble Institution as every way worthy of our sympathy and support; and that we pledge ourselves to a continued co-operation with the Agents of that Society in spreading the gracious word of life among the people.

The Society's Agent in Western Texas, Rev. W. J. Joyce, was also cordially commended by the Conference.

#### ESSEX COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY, N. Y.

The Bible work in Essex County has been carried on successfully during the past year. At our annual meeting, held in September, reports showed that the canvass of our county for resupply has been completed. The work was thoroughly done. Essex County is territorially large, and in many parts mountainous and sparsely populated; but every family has been visited, and the Bible offered for sale or as a gift. In our county, with sixteen towns, we have, besides our county depository, six town depositories, well supplied with Bibles and Testaments. These town depositories are doing much to increase the circulation of the Bible. It is now easy to reach a depository of the American Bible Society from any part of the county. We raised last year \$600 for the Bible cause. This sum is more than was raised the previous year, and more than double the amount of three years ago. Then the county society was fifteen hundred dollars in debt to the Parent Society. We are now out of debt, and have in our



several depositories upwards of \$800 worth of books, all paid for. Our last anniversary was largely attended, and more enthusiastic than ever before. Dr. Kitchell, President of Middlebury College, Vt., delivered the annual address on "The indirect and secondary influence of the Bible as an elevating and civilizing power."

I cannot close without a grateful mention of our indebtedness, in Essex County, to your Agent, Rev. O. J. Squires. He has visited almost every town in the county during the past two years, knows thoroughly our wants, and has done *very much* to give us our increased efficiency.

C. N. WILDER, *Cor. Sec.*

#### SYNOD OF INDIANA—NORTH.

At its annual meeting at Fort Wayne, Ind., the Rev. John Thompson was heard upon the Bible cause; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the Synod has heard with pleasure the statements of the Rev. John Thompson, Agent of the American Bible Society for the State of Indiana, and that the great Cause represented by him be again commended to the hearty support of all our people.

#### BRIDGEPORT (CONN.) BIBLE ASSOCIATION

Held its eleventh anniversary on Sabbath evening, November 13, in the North Congregational Church, the president, J. W. Hincks, Esq., in the chair. The Rev. Mr. Dickinson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bridgeport, and the Rev. Dr. Strong, of Pittsfield, Mass., participated in the introductory exercises. The secretary, Dr. Geo. E. Porter, read an interesting report, showing that a good work had been done during the year. A depository, commodiously arranged and well supplied with books, had been maintained, from which \$47 worth of books had been given to the needy. The work of visitation has been chiefly done by the ladies in the capacity of a branch Bible society.

The secretary read the report of this society, by Miss Harriet A. Hawley, which showed a well-developed system of operations and much earnest work to bring the whole city under the influence of God's word. An appeal was made for a larger number of labourers in this inviting field. S. M. Middlebrook, Esq., treasurer of the society, gave a lucid sketch of its gradual advance from its commencement in 1867. During the last year it had received \$736 31 as benevolent contributions, and \$306 24 from the sale of books.

After listening to these reports, the audience was addressed by Rev. W. H. Gilbert, of Hartford, in behalf of the American Bible Society, who said that among all the wonderful things in this age of marvels, nothing is more surprising than the rapid spread of God's word among the nations. He spoke chiefly of our own nation—of what the Bible has done and must yet do to mould our growing millions so largely to the proper standard of American citizenship.

The Rev. Dr. Rankin, of Fairfield, deeply interested the congregation by a happy portrayal of the power and preciousness of the Bible. The Rev. Mr. Johnson, of the South Congregational Church, Bridgeport, made the closing address. He alluded pertinently to the contrast between

what he had seen in the Papal States, and other lands from which the Bible has been excluded, and in those where it has been fully circulated.

The large house was well filled, and the audience gave earnest attention to the close.

#### WESTERN TEXAS.

Our Agent in Western Texas, Rev. W. J. Joyce, communicates the following:

In the prosecution of my work as Agent, I attended a camp meeting about twenty-five miles west of San Antonio. Here I met with many brethren of different denominations, who had united to worship God under the shade of the trees.

I asked and obtained permission to present the claims of the American Bible Society; and the Rev. W. D. Johnson, of the Baptist Church, and president of the Atascosa Co. Bible Society, being present, took the chair. With the assistance of your old and valued Agent, Rev. Mr. De Vilbiss, the matter was brought before the people, and resulted in a donation to the Parent Society of \$76 90. A club of twenty-five, and four individual subscribers, were secured for the *Record*. This collection was taken immediately on the border of the settlements constantly invaded by the Indians. Our thanks are due these harassed, but hardy and liberal frontiersmen. God bless them!

#### BIBLES FOR TRAVELLERS.

The Rev. C. H. Pearce, an Assistant Agent of the Society in Western Kentucky, says, in a recent letter:

The plan of railroad supply is a complete success. We have just returned from an interview with the superintendent of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, in regard to its working. The "holder," or receptacle for the book, invented by us, he informed us works admirably. The books are constantly used by train passengers, and are carefully and kindly preserved. To the hundreds of thousands that daily throng our highways may this eventually be an instrumentality unto life eternal!

#### THE BIBLE WORK IN COLORADO.

We reprint the following statement published in one of the Denver papers by our Agent, Rev. Wm. M'Candlish, at the close of a recent official visit to that portion of his field:

In ten counties of Colorado there are Bible organizations and Bible depositories, eight auxiliary societies, and two Bible committees. In all these counties Bibles are sold at the cost of manufacture in New York. In all, donations are freely given to the poor. In the southern portion of the Territory, the Sacred Scriptures in the Spanish language are circulated to meet the wants of the Mexicans. From nine counties of Colorado, during my recent tour, I have received for the Bible cause \$759 40, being for payment of Bibles received from the Parent Society, \$605 50; as donations to American Bible Society, \$153 90. Six auxiliary societies have fully paid the claims of the American Bible Society for books, and the other societies are exerting themselves to meet all claims. As Agent of the American Bible Society, I desire to express my obligations to the Colorado Stage Company and to the Denver



Pacific Railroad, for passage at half fare on their lines of travel. I am under obligations to many citizens of Colorado for acts of hospitality that have diminished the expenses of the American Bible Society.

#### LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

This numerous body, assembled from all parts of the United States, in their annual meeting, held lately in Philadelphia, adopted the following resolutions. From their number and influence, the local preachers of the Methodist church can do much for the Bible cause.

The following resolutions were offered as a substitute for the question, "Is it the duty of the Protestants to insist upon the reading of the Sacred Scriptures in our public schools?" and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is our duty to do all in our power to retain the practice of reading the Bible in the common schools of our land.

*Resolved*, That we, as local preachers, pledge ourselves to do all in our power to give a copy of the Sacred Scriptures to all who are destitute of them.

*Resolved*, That we recommend the reading of the Bible in our own families, and in all our schools.

*Resolved*, That when we go home we will endeavour to form Bible societies in our States and counties where none already exist.

## Children's Department.

### The Land of the Bible.

The winter is over and past,  
The singing of birds is at hand,  
The hedges are blossoming fast,  
And the cuckoo is heard in the land.  
The meadows are covered with flowers,  
Reviving and sweet is the air,  
And dear is this country of ours—  
O England, so green and so fair!

My bosom with gladness is gay—  
How kind is my Maker to me!  
My love and my life should I pay,  
Yet poor such a present would be.  
I might, oh! I might have been born  
Where Him I should never have known,  
A heathen, untaught and forlorn,  
And worshipping idols of stone.

Though there in abundance were spread  
Flowers glorious as eyes could behold—  
The palm waving over my head,  
The river-sands shining with gold—  
Yet what were its beauty to me,  
If left a poor heathen to pine!  
O England! my home is in thee:  
The land of the Bible is mine!

*From an English Paper.*

### JACK'S HALFPENNY.

A poor aged widow was very fond of the Bible, but she had never learned to read. She lived in a lonely place, and the family where she lodged could not read. But there was one cottage near, and in it a little boy, a shepherd's son, who could read. Jack, however, was full of play, and was not fond of reading the Bible. The poor old woman made her livelihood by spinning, and she determined to

rise one hour sooner in the morning to spin for one halfpenny more, to be given to the shepherd's boy to read to her a chapter every evening. To this Jack at once agreed. This made the poor woman very happy, and she used to say, "The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places."

Little boys, when you can, read the Scriptures to comfort the old people about you. Perhaps you may make lame and blind people say, for your sakes, "The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places: yea, we have a goodly heritage."

### THE WELSH GIRL AND THE BIBLE.

There was, many years ago, a little Welsh girl who went every Sunday to hear the Rev. Thomas Charles preach in the town of Bala, in Wales. She was very attentive and well-behaved in church, and not like some little girls, who laugh and whisper while the services are going on. Mr. Charles often met her in the street during the week, and was in the habit of asking her to repeat the text from which she had heard him preach the previous Sabbath day. This she was generally able to do without hesitation. But one day when her pastor met her, and as usual, asked her the text, she was silent. He repeated the question; but still she kept silent, while tears were added. Kindly placing his hand on her head, as she stood before him with downcast eyes, the good minister said, "What is the matter, my child?" Encouraged by his kindness, the girl replied, "The weather, sir, has been so bad that I could not get to read the Bible!" "Could not get to read the Bible! Why, what does that mean?" said Mr. Charles. "Why, sir," answered the child, "we have no Bible in our house; but there is one in a house the other side of the mountain, that I can look at whenever I choose. But the weather has been so bad this week, that I have not been able to get there." The house to which the child referred was seven miles off, and she had been in the habit of walking there every week to read the chapter from which the minister had taken his text the previous Sabbath.

When the good pastor found that the little girl was willing to walk fourteen miles for the privilege of reading the Bible, he made her a present of one, which she kept in her own house. Does anyone ask why no Bible could be found within seven miles, and why the Bible society had not distributed Bibles among the people? The answer is simply this: This circumstance happened in the year 1802, before there was any Bible Society in existence, and as Bibles were neither so plentiful or as cheap then as now, many of the poor people who lived among the hills were unable to obtain a copy of the word of God.

Nor was this all; for this very incident was the means of originating the first Bible society in the world. The good Welsh minister, after talking with the little girl, felt so deeply the destitution of the people, that when he visited London in December of the same year, he brought the subject before the committee of the Religious Tract Society of which he was a member. He urged them to send Bibles to Wales, and to form a society for the purpose. Another minister proposed that they should form a society to supply the nation and the world with Bibles. The society was not organized at that time, but the



friends of the plan continued to talk about it until they induced others to join them, and on the 7th of March, 1804, the society was formed, under the name of "The British and Foreign Bible Society." It has ever since been a blessing to the world.

#### A GOOD EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW.

A little girl who frequently read her Bible, came one day delighted to her mother, showing her some plums that a friend had given her. The mother said "it was very kind." "Yes," said the child, "very kind indeed; and the lady gave me more than these, but I have given some away."

The mother asked to whom she had given them.

The child replied, "I gave them to a girl who pushes me off the path, and makes faces at me."

Upon being asked why she gave them to her, she answered:

"Because I thought it would make her know that I wished to be kind to her, and she will not perhaps be unkind and rude to me again."

#### JIM'S LIGHT.

"I say, Jim, didn't you feel mad this noon when mother kept us waiting half an hour for our dinner?"

"Well, Harry, I was a little restive at first, for I was as hungry as an alligator; but I held my light to my feet and kept quiet."

"Your light! Pray what's that?" inquired Harry eagerly.

"God's word, to be sure," replied Jim—"haven't you read that 'the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light?' Now when I felt restive I thought of these words: 'The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit;' so I prayed for help to curb my temper, and I think I enjoyed my dinner when it came better than you did, Harry, eh?"

Harry was a frank fellow, and replied that he guessed it was so. I hope he took his friend's light; but if he did not, I trust you will.

#### THE FAVOURITE BOOK.

Every Sabbath, little Charley's mother takes down the large old-fashioned Bible from the secretary, and reads and explains to him a story. Sometimes she reads of Joseph, his father and brothers; sometimes of Samuel and the priest Eli; again, of Daniel in the lions' den, Samson and the Philistines.

But the stories that please Charley most are those which tell of Jesus—of his love for the little children when on earth, and of his tender pity and kindness to the weak and helpless.

Sometimes, before the Sabbath comes, Charley will run to his mamma, and say, "P'ease wead me un 'tittle stowey."

Perhaps mamma may be very busy at work, and will answer, "Not now, darling."

Then a soft little hand rests on hers; and a sweet voice says, "But mamma 'ill wead me un *very* 'tittle stowey out of ee *dood* book."

Charley's papa was a soldier in the late war, and fought the rebels bravely. When the terrible battle of Gettysburg came, he was wounded, and left to die on the field. Before his spirit went

home to God, he said to a comrade who knelt by him—

"Tell my dear wife to teach Charley to love the Bible; it is the best book on earth." And the good father and gallant soldier has had his last prayer answered.

#### A BOOK FOR ALL.

Little Bessie was dying. Her Sunday school teacher stood by the bedside. Bessie called for the Bible that had been given her in Sunday school. "When I am dead," she said, "put this Bible in my hands. I am a little child, but when I go to Jesus with this book he will remember the words that are in it: 'Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me.'"

Soon after Bessie's father came in. "Will you come to me in heaven?" asked the dying child.

"O Bessie," said her poor father, "how can I come? I don't know the way."

"Teacher," exclaimed Bessie, "don't put the Bible in my hands when I am dead, but give it to father. Then he too may find the way."

In the hands of the dying place this Holy Book, that they may remember the promises of God! In the hands of the living place this Book, that they may find the way to heaven.—*S. S. Journal.*

#### From Loving Words.

##### Child's Prayer.

Lord, teach a little child to pray;  
Give me the words I ought to say,  
For I am young and very weak,  
And know not how I ought to speak.

My little prayers I've often said  
With eyelids closed and bowed head;  
But oh! I'm very much afraid,  
That with my heart I've never prayed.

But now, O God! be pleased to take  
Away this heart for Jesus' sake;  
Oh, give me one that *loves* to pray,  
And read the Bible every day.

Show me how, on the cruel tree,  
Jesus has bled and died for me;  
Help me to give myself to Him,  
That I may hate and flee from sin.

And now, O Lord! hear this my prayer;  
Keep me beneath thy watchful care;  
And when I die, be pleased to take  
My soul to heaven, for Jesus' sake.

#### BIBLE-READERS.

The Ladies of the New York Female Bible Society, an efficient branch of the American Bible Society, have had for some years an agency at work, known as Bible-readers, which, although quiet and unostentatious, has accomplished great good, and which would be much more useful if they had the means of enlarging their operations. The Bible-reader goes directly to the homes of the poor and of those who are cut off from the preaching of the Gospel, and reads to them the message of mercy directly from the word of God. She accompanies her reading not only with suitable religious instructions, but with words of counsel in regard to the temporal condition of those she meets and with substantial relief where it is required. Simple as this instrumentality may appear, it has been greatly blessed of God to the good of souls. The reports of the society, and *The Missing Link*, the monthly record of



its labours, may be obtained at the Bible sales-room in the Bible House, and we would urge all who love the cause of Christ to acquaint themselves with this interesting Christian work.—*New York Observer*.

## Bible Society Record.

NEW YORK, JANUARY 19, 1871.



*Bible House, Astor Place.*

### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The stated meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Bible House, Astor Place, on Thursday, the 5th inst., at half-past three o'clock, P.M., Norman White, Esq., Vice President, in the chair, assisted by Frederick S. Winston, E. L. Fancher, and A. Robertson Walsh, Esqs., Vice Presidents.

The Rev. Dr. T. Ralston Smith read the 144th Psalm and offered prayer.

Four new auxiliaries were recognised, one in each of the States of North Carolina, Alabama, and Missouri, and one in the Territory of Utah.

Communications were received from Mr. Andrew M. Milne, Monte Video, showing the extension of the Bible work in his agency; from Rev. Dr. Jacoby, Germany, with interesting accounts of the work among the German soldiers; from Mr. W. P. Harvey, Havana, as to the practicability of Bible operations in Cuba; from Rev. I. G. Bliss, Constantinople, with interesting facts as to Bible distribution in Turkey; from Rev. Dr. Bergne, British and Foreign Bible Society, announcing the completion of the plates of the Arabic vowelised Old Testament at Beirut, and tendering a set to this Society, in return for a similar donation previously made to it by this Society; from Rev. R. B. Girdlestone, British and Foreign Bible Society, approving of the action of this Board in regard to the Arabo-Turkish version, and also from Rev. Dr. Schaufliker, Constantinople, expressing his gratification on the same subject; and from M. Dardier, Geneva, showing the work of the Evangelical Society of Geneva among the French soldiers and citizens, and asking aid in the distribution among them of the Holy Scriptures.

Grants of books were made to the United Brethren Board of Missions; to the Evangelical Association at Cleveland, Ohio; to the American

Sunday School Union; to the Friends' Freedmen's Association; to the Patriots' Orphans' Home, Flushing; books for Cuba, Panama, and Central America; and with many others of smaller amount. The total number granted is 8,065 volumes, besides others to the value of \$200. Six volumes were granted in raised letters for the Blind. The books were in various languages, as English, German, Portuguese, Spanish, and Chinese. To the Evangelical Society at Geneva were appropriated \$500.

This is an encouraging statement for the first meeting in the year. The grants made are larger than they have been for several months.

The receipts for December were \$56,623 06; the issues, 83,231 volumes.

### HANDSOME ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

With great pleasure we clip the following article from *The Working Christian*, a Baptist paper published at Charleston, S. C. We are glad to see such statements, because they help to restore harmony between a portion of the Baptist denomination and the American Bible Society, which was interrupted, so far as the interruption occurred, we are fully persuaded, by misunderstandings on both sides. We think our Baptist brethren will see, in the facts stated below, evidence that the Bible Society is as willing to make grants to Baptists as to any other denomination, when it can be done without violating the principles of the Society. Such grants have been made during the year—not only of our own books, but also funds for foreign use, it being understood that the books printed and circulated abroad shall be such as the American Bible Society can consistently patronize, or patronize in accordance with the catholic and non-sectarian character of the Society. These things being so, we do not see why Baptists should not come into full affiliation with our Society, and take place with it like other denominations. We submit it to their candid and Christian consideration.

### THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

As Rev. E. A. Bolles, the Agent of this Society for South Carolina, is traversing the State, it is important to know what are its relations to our denomination, and what it has done for Baptist churches. From documents now in our hands we make the following exhibit:

The Society has granted to Baptist churches, boards, Sunday schools, etc.—in books or their equivalent—69,205 volumes, besides \$7,000 to the American and Foreign Bible Society for its work abroad.

To what extent these grants came to this State, it is impossible to tell; but there is evidence on the records of the Society of the following grants to our Sunday School Board: In 1866, 75 Bibles and 550 Testaments; 1867, 300 Bibles and 600 Testaments; in 1869, 25,000 Testaments; in 1870, 1,500 Bibles and 3,500 Testaments. There is also a donation of 175 Bibles and 170 Testaments to



the Santee Baptist Bible Society, besides the present of a pulpit Bible to the Baptist Church at Mullin's Depot. There are, also, some other less valuable grants.

This statement is given by one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society, and goes back only to 1856.

We have before us a letter from Rev. Dr. Manly, in which he says:

"Upon my application, forwarded by flag of truce, and presented by Rev. Dr. Fuller, of Baltimore, to the American Bible Society, N. Y., that Society granted 25,000 Testaments to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We feel that we owe a lasting debt of gratitude to the Managers of the American Bible Society for their courtesy, generosity, and Christian conduct in the time of our need."

Rev. Dr. Teasdale writes under date of September 21, 1870, to Rev. Mr. Bolles:

"We have advices of the liberal grant of 1,500 Bibles and 3,500 Testaments by the American Bible Society."

With these facts before them, we cannot doubt that our brethren will give to Mr. Bolles a cordial welcome, and to the noble Society he represents, such assistance as they may be able to bestow.

### MONTHLY SUMMARY.

Summary of the Reports of the Agents of the American Bible Society, for the month of October, 1870.

Agents Reporting.....	30
Auxiliaries, Branches, etc., visited.....	235
Anniversaries attended.....	80
New Societies and Committees formed.....	18
Sermons and Addresses delivered for the Bible Cause.....	288
Letters and documents sent.....	11,404
Miles travelled on official duty.....	22,239
Receipts.....	\$15,360 46
Paid to Auxiliaries.....	\$1,194 35
Paid to American Bible Society.....	\$14,488 69
Subscriptions secured.....	\$1,984 16
Number of Auxiliaries reporting.....	97
Families visited on the fields of these Auxiliaries.....	36,809
Families found destitute.....	4,180
Destitute families supplied.....	2,751
Children and destitute persons supplied in addition.....	1,534
Families refusing the Scriptures.....	344
Sabbath and other schools supplied.....	101
Value of books distributed gratuitously.....	\$1,129 92
Value of books sold.....	\$8,462 22
Receipts of Auxiliaries reporting.....	\$23,342 96

### Societies Recognised as Auxiliary,

January, 1871,

With Names and Post-office Addresses of Corresponding Secretaries.

Utah Territory B. S., J. M. Moore, Salt Lake City.  
Wayne Co. Coloured B. S., N. C., Arnold Howell, Goldsboro.  
Dunkin Co. B. S., Mo., Thomas C. Baldwin, Clarkton.  
Jonesboro B. S., Ala., R. W. Owen, Jonesboro.

### Deceased Members.

Rev. B. T. Welch, D.D., Albany, N. Y.  
Robert Lenox Maitland, New York.  
Anna M. Stelle, New York.  
John M<sup>c</sup>Cutchen, Peekskill, N. Y.  
Mrs. P. A. Dumont, Somerville, N. J.  
Wm. C. Brown, Chelsea, Mass.  
Rev. Henry R. Weed, D.D., West Philadelphia, Penn.  
Rev. Collins Stone, Hartford, Ct.  
Rev. R. H. Stinchfield, Philadelphia, Penn.  
Rev. Albert Barnes, Philadelphia, Penn.  
Rev. Herman L. Vaill, Litchfield, Ct.  
Rev. John F. Derr, Warsaw, N. Y.  
Simon Newcomb, M. D., Lansingburgh, N. Y.  
Helen S. King, Sharon, Ct.  
Rev. William Wisner, D. D., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.  
Ely A. Elliot, Clinton, Ct.

### MONEYS RECEIVED

BY THE TREASURER OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,  
During the month of December, 1870.

#### INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Allison, John F., Bloomington, Ind. (bal. L. M.)	\$10 00
Ashcraft, Joseph, Owensburg, Ind.	5 00
A Family in Camden, N. J.	20 00
A Lady	1 00
Ashbaugh, A., North Lima, Ohio	2 50
Bowen, Mrs. E. M., Springfield, Mo.	5 00
Baldwin, C. H., Columbia, S. C.	10 00
Blakeman, W. N., New York (L. M.)	30 00
Bacon, Henry, Terre Haute, Ind.	5 00
Babbitt, Gen. E. B., U. S. A., Portland, Oregon	33 19
Bingham, J. A., Ohio	1 00
Chapman, Elihu, Westbrook, Ct.	10 00
Calvin, Mary, Washingtonville, Ohio (L. M.)	30 00
Chamberlain, Betsey, Gibson, Pa.	1 00
Carley, James, West Point, Ind.	10 00
Condit, Rev. B., Terre Haute, Ind.	15 00
Conger, D. J., Shelbyville, Ind.	5 00
Dickson, Mrs. Mariam C., Camden Mills, Ill.	10 00
Delcamp, H., Elkhart, Ind.	5 00
Egg, R. W., Salisbury, Ind.	5 00
Easterly, Edward O., Rockford, Ill.	1 00
Edwards, Mrs. N. S., New York	25 00
Ely, Ambrose K., New York	500 00
Ferguson, William, Scotland, Ind.	5 00
Fisher, Mrs. James P., Kendall, N. Y.	10 00
Fain, Sam'l N., Mossy Creek, Tenn. (L. D.)	150 00
From a Life Member, Gilmanton, N. H.	10 00
Forsyth, James, Franklin, Ind.	5 00
Gantt, Harriet, Nebraska City, Neb.	5 00
Hofedy, William, Linton, Ind.	5 00
Hunt, D. A., Providence, R. I. (bal. L. M.)	10 00
Howell, Dr. J. M., Belmont, Texas	1 12
Harwood, Mrs. Kate, Springfield, Mo.	5 00
Hays, Marcus, Worthington, Ind.	5 00
Hamilton, Sam'l, Shelbyville, Ind.	10 00
Hall, B. J. W., Glenn Hall, Ind.	5 00
Hall, B. F., Glenn Hall, Ind. (bal. L. M.)	25 00
Kimball, J. M., Providence, R. I. (bal. L. M.)	10 00
Kiersted, Maria A., Saugerties, N. Y. (L. M.)	30 00
Kidwell, Z., Fairmont, W. Va.	30 00
Kent, David, Guildhall, Vt. (L. M.)	30 00
"K"	20 00
Kirkpatrick, John, Sugar Grove, Ind.	11 00
Kelfer, John, South Bend, Ind.	5 00
Loomis, Gen. G., U. S. A., Stratford, Ct.	2 50
Lusk, Matthias, Coxsackie, N. Y.	10 00
Mitchell, Mrs. Mary A., Winsted, Ct. (L. M.)	30 00
Morgan, H. T., New York	100 00
McLane, John L., Franklin, Ind.	5 00
Mangum, G. S., Franklin, Ind.	5 00
Martin, Mrs. C., Romney, Ind. (bal. L. M.)	15 00
Maeder, D., Elkhart, Ind.	5 00
Owen, Henry C., Bloomfield, Ind.	5 00
Powell, Miss C. E., Brooklyn, N. Y. (In Memoriam of her sister, Mrs. Reed)	25 00
"Poor Miner," Hyde Park, Pa.	50 00
Parr, B. S., Edinburgh, Ind.	5 00
Payne, Mrs. Mary F., Franklin, Ind.	5 00
Reinoehl, Mrs. Margaret, Fairfield, Ind.	10 00
Reinoehl, Mrs. Elizabeth, Fairfield, Ind.	10 00
Ray, Benjamin, La Fayette, Ind. (L. M.)	30 00
Smith, J. T., Bloomfield, Ind.	5 00
Rogers, E. F., Branford, Ct. (L. M.)	30 00
Shepard, Mrs. Rhoda, Springfield, Mo.	10 00
Shepard, Mrs. Lucy D., Springfield, Mo.	5 00
"S. M.," Chenanga Co., N. Y.	10 00
Strong, Austin, Woodbourne, N. Y. (Birthday contribution for distributing the word of God)	1,000 00
Strong, Austin, Woodbourne, N. Y. (L. M.)	30 00
Sharpe, Mrs. Gen. Geo. H., Kingston, N. Y. (L. M.)	30 00
Steely, John M., West Point, Ind.	11 00
Shortridge, Sam'l, La Fayette, Ind.	10 00
Shelby, John B., La Fayette, Ind. (bal. L. M.)	5 00
Shroyer, William, Elkhart, Ind.	5 00
Taylor, G. R., Worthington, Ind.	5 00
Tarrance, Mrs. Sarah E., Salisbury, Ind.	5 00
Tweedy, Mrs. Laura B., Danbury, Ct. (L. M.)	30 00
Ulrich, S. D., Elkhart, Ind.	5 00
Vincent, T. F., Rock Island, Ill.	1 00
Van Deren, A. F., Central City, Col.	5 00
Vermont, H. D., Vt.	9 50
Vail, Dr. Wm. P., Johnsonburg, N. J.	2 00

Carried forward.....\$2,652 81



Brought forward.....	\$2,652 81
Winton, Dr. Robert, Muncie, Ind.....	5 00
Whiton, George, Ithaca, N. Y. (L. M.).....	30 00
Wyckoff, Rev. Cornelius, New Brunswick, N. J. (L. M.).....	100 00
Westervelt, P. B., Little Falls, N. J.....	10 00
Wixon, Mrs. C. F., Richmond, N. Y.....	5 00
Williamson, Mrs. Margaret, English Neighbourhood, N. J. (bal L. M.).....	15 00
Yale, Lloyd C., Potsdam, N. Y. (L. M.).....	30 00

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## LEGACIES.

Allen, Benjamin L., late of Boston, Mass.....	53 20
Bates, Moses, late of Lorain Co., Ohio.....	150 00
Curtis, Henry S., late of Woodbury, Ct.....	12 50
Cose, Benjamin, late of Berkshire Co., Mass.....	125 00
Glivane, Margaret, late of Indianapolis, Ind.....	1,000 00
Havens, Dexter, late of Jefferson Co., N. Y.....	100 00
Miller, Gardon, late of Wyoming Co., N. Y.....	303 31
Ostrander, Susan H., late of New York.....	95 00
Sutphen, Nancy, late of Monmouth Co., N. J.....	300 00
Warner, Apollon T., late of New York.....	500 00

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## CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

## CONNECTICUT.

Fairfield, First Cong. Ch.....	140 00
Guilford, Third Cong. Ch.....	45 00
Hartford, South Park Ch.....	15 00
Lyme, Cong. Ch.....	11 85
Pegunock, Cong. Ch.....	6 00
Ridgefield, Meth. Ep. Ch.....	13 27
Trumbull & Nichols Farms, Meth. Ep. Chs.....	10 70
West Stafford, Cong. Ch.....	15 00
Middle Haddam, Second Cong. Ch.....	5 00

## INDIANA.

Northwest German Meth. Ep. Conference.....	7 00
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## MAINE.

Elliott, Cong. Ch.....	12 90
First Meth. Ch.....	20 00
Second Meth. Ch.....	5 00
West Waterville, Meth. Ep. Ch.....	5 00

## MICHIGAN.

Holland, Hope Ch.....	9 50
Pewano, Pres. Ch.....	2 00

## NEW YORK.

Fishkill, Reformed Ch.....	5 00
Kingston, Reformed Ch. (6 L. M.).....	200 00
Millbrook, Reformed Ch.....	100 00
Rye, Meth. Ep. Ch.....	26 00
Warwick, Meth. Ep. Ch.....	16 30
Paris, Cong. Ch.....	11 25

## OHIO.

Richmond, Pres. Ch. (L. M.).....	37 76
Sulphur Springs, Evang. Lutheran Ch.....	29 50

## RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, Ch. of the Saviour (add'l.).....	12 00
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## SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston, Circular Cong. Ch.....	8 00
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## VERMONT.

Colchester, Cong. Ch.....	10 50
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## FOR NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI.

M'Nairy Co. B. S., Tenn.....	11 70
Payette Co. B. S., Tenn.....	1 00
Lauderdale Co. B. S., Tenn.....	5 00
Coahoma Bible Committee, Miss.....	9 05

28 75

## FOR TESTAMENTS FOR PRUSSIAN SOLDIERS IN HOSPITALS.

Daniel Schmallenberger, Millstadt, Ill.....	5 00
Jacob Schmallenberger, Millstadt, Ill.....	5 00
Centerville Evang. Lutheran Ch., Ill. (L. M.).....	70 25

80 25

## RETURNS FOR BOOKS DONATED.

Rev. W. S. Plumer, D.D., Columbia, S. C.....	5 00
Reidville B. S., S. C.....	50 00
Mt. Pleasant Bible Com., Barnwell Co., S. C.....	8 00

Carried forward.....\$63 00

6,373 35

Brought forward.....	\$63 00	6,373 35
Rev. W. H. Banks, Wilmington, N. H.....	12 00	
Tupelo Bible Society, Miss.....	53 00	
Miss M. E. M'Campbell, Lavacca, Texas.....	29 50	
Rev. W. S. Robertson, Creek Mission, Fla.....	35 00	
James Shimmin, Cuba, W. I.....	11 07	
J. M. Norris, Batesville, S. C.....	9 25	
		212 82

## DONATION BY SOCIETY NOT AUXILIARY.

Guilford B. S. of Reformed Ch., Guilford, N. Y. (2 L. M.).....	60 00
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## REMITTANCES FROM AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETIES.

	Bibles.	Donations.
Albany County, N. Y. (3 L. M.).....	343 83	132 40
Allen County, Ohio (L. M.).....		30 00
Auglaize County, Ohio.....		10 00
Atlantic County, N. J.....	25 00	
Alexander County, Ill.....	102 07	
Adrian, Mich.....	100 00	
Anson County, N. C.....	13 75	
Albany & Vic., Geo.....	100 00	
Atchison County, Ks.....	100 00	
Adams County, Iowa.....	38 50	
Adams County, Wis.....	61 70	
Alvarado, Texas.....	27 82	
Attica & Vic., Ind.....	29 01	
Blue Earth County, Minn.....	74 03	30 00
Bergen County, N. J.....		120 00
Bridgeport Bible Assn., Ct. (12 L. M.).....	392 17	700 38
Burlington & Vic., Ky.....	41 05	
Brown County, Ohio.....	30 69	
Branch County, Mich.....	112 22	
Butler County, Ks.....	41 75	
Bradley County, Tenn.....	5 20	
Breckenridge County, Ky.....	49 70	
Breckenridge, Mo.....	33 75	
Boone County, Mo.....	15 00	
Burke County, N. C.....	30 00	
Bracken County, Ky.....	20 78	
Brooklyn City, N. Y.....	500 00	
Benton County, Iowa.....	100 00	
Brown County, Wis.....	1 35	
Berkshire County, Mass.....	170 49	
Chicago, Ill. (L. M.).....	1,827 13	39 00
Carroll County, Ill. (L. M.).....	103 55	73 50
Cortland County, N. Y.....	9 50	54 70
Christian County, Ill. (L. M.).....		30 00
Columbia County, Wis. (bal L. M.).....	109 70	25 00
Cuba, N. Y.....	30 03	
Craighead County, Ark.....	5 57	
Cross County, Ark.....	25 25	
Christian County, Ky.....	7 90	
Clarksville, Tenn.....	192 30	
Cayuga County, N. Y.....	16 23	
Caldwell County, Ky.....	156 30	
Crittenden County, Ky.....	12 90	
Clagemont, Minn.....	4 20	
Cass County, Neb.....	142 50	
Claiborne, Ala.....	26 00	
Carlton, N. Y.....	42 00	
Chatham County, N. C.....	37 05	
Campbell County, Ga.....	15 45	
Clinton County, N. Y.....	46 52	
Cincinnati Young Men's, Ohio.....	300 00	
California.....	421 70	
Chataqua County, N. Y.....	50 43	
Columbia, S. C.....	13 69	
Carey & Vic., Ohio.....	21 90	
Coshocton County, Ohio.....	200 00	
Cedar County, Iowa.....	103 47	
Clinton County, Iowa.....	43 35	
Crawford County, Wis.....	145 97	
Clay County, Ind.....	117 00	
Dutchess County, N. Y. (3 L. M.).....	137 63	262 43
De Kalb County, Ill. (3 L. M.).....		107 00
Danielsville Welsh, Pa.....	24 13	617 57
Delaware County, Ind.....	157 40	
Dallas County, Texas.....	22 40	
Dakota County, Minn.....	7 60	
Douglas County, Neb.....	1 00	
Dodge County, Neb.....	14 50	
Davis County, Ks.....	73 35	
Deep River, Ct.....	37 28	
Douglas County, Ill.....	37 77	
Dane County, Wis.....	23 10	

Carried forward.....\$7,322 54

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	Bibles.	Donations.	
Brought forward.....	\$7,322 54	2,139 98	6,646 17
Dodge County, Wis.....	1 00		
Dresden, Texas.....	4 40		
Essex County, N. Y.....	31 69		
Eufaula, Ala.....	50 00		
Elkhart & Vic., Ind.....	50 30		
Fishkill, N. Y.....		15 60	
Fulton County, Ill.....	102 31	22 00	
Female, Berlin, Ct. (3 L. M.).....		112 19	
Forest City, Ark.....	2 00		
Faribault County, Minn.....	106 83		
Fairfield Dist., S. C.....	13 29		
Female, Troy, Ohio (2 L. M.).....	168 82	75 00	
Fillmore County, Minn.....	40 00		
Fort Gaines, Geo.....	73 04		
Payette County, Tenn.....	10 00		
Female, Milan, Ohio.....	15 00		
Fulton County, Ind.....	17 65		
Fair Haven, Welsh, Vt.....	6 60		
Geneva, N. Y.....		22 32	
Goodhue County, Minn.....	83 77	10 00	
Greene County, N. Y. (3 L. M.).....		100 00	
Grundy County, Ill.....	55 12	153 60	
Genesee Co., N. Y. (L. D. & L. M.).....		200 00	
Green County, Ind.....	15 45		
Green County, Ark.....	12 25		
Greenfield & Vic., Ohio.....	107 01		
Gonzales County, Texas.....	46 19		
Greene County, Tenn.....	26 60		
Green County, Mo.....	10 40		
Gold Hill, N. C.....	13 89		
Georgetown Female, D. C.....	100 00		
Green Lake County, Wis.....	8 50		
Galena, Ill.....	100 00		
Gosport & Vic., Ind.....	27 13		
Huron County, Ohio (bal. L. M.).....		27 68	
Hocking County, Ohio.....	50 00		
Highland County, Ohio.....	188 16		
Hudson County, Mich.....	186 52		
Hillsdale County, Mich.....	59 63		
Hawaiian Evang. Asso., S. I.....	357 92		
Henry County, Mo.....	48 00		
Harrison County, Ohio.....	242 40		
Hardin County, Iowa.....	22 73		
Humboldt County, Iowa.....	28 94		
Hancock County, Iowa.....	11 65		
Henry County, Ill.....	300 00		
Iredell County, N. C.....	1 00		
Jefferson County, N. Y. (3 L. M.).....	321 84	129 25	
Jackson County, Ohio.....	50 75		
Jonesville, Mich.....	142 89		
Jackson County, Minn.....	25 37		
Johnson County, Mo.....	30 00		
Jasper County, Mo.....	94 45		
Jonesboro', Ala.....	17 50		
Jefferson County, Ala.....	53 00		
Johnson County, Tenn.....	61 00		
Johnson County, Iowa.....	100 00		
Jones County, Iowa.....	24 40		
Jennings County, Ind.....	30 00		
Jefferson County, Wis.....	6 80		
Johnson County, Ind.....	187 69		
Knox County, Ill.....		10 00	
Kankakee County, Ill.....		50 00	
Kenosha County, Wis.....	4 00	10 00	
Kaufman County, Texas.....	127 80		
Livingston County, N. Y. (bal. L. M.).....		20 00	
Lee County, Ill.....	2 50	2 00	
Lorain County, Ohio (bal. L. M.).....		24 00	
Lucas County, Ohio (bal. L. D.).....	328 15	45 00	
Lake County, Ohio.....		15 00	
Long Island, N. Y. (L. M.).....	679 41	30 00	
Lebanon, Ky.....	60 05		
Lagrange & Oldham County, Ky.....	54 45		
Lexington & Vic., Ky.....	20 00		
Lyon County, Ky.....	129 66		
Lincoln County, Ky.....	35 00		
Leeleaw County, Mich.....	28 87		
Le Sueur County, Minn.....	5 00		
Lancaster County, Neb.....	100 00		
Lockhart, Texas.....	113 97		
Leesburg, Texas.....	111 80		
Loys Cross Roads, Tenn.....	85		
Livingston County, Mo.....	49 28		
Lincoln County, Mo.....	22 10		
Lewis County, N. Y.....	28 00		
Lucas County, Iowa.....	118 19		

Carried forward..... \$13,273 32 3,175 42 6,646 17

	Bibles.	Donations.	
Brought forward.....	\$13,273 32	3,175 42	6,646 17
La Porte County, Ind.....	121 48		
Louisville & Vic., Ky.....	432 30		
Monongalia County, W. Va. (2 L. M.).....	77 75	60 00	
Massachusetts (3 L. M.).....	2,569 66	220 44	
Monroe County, N. Y. (2 L. M.).....	255 61	64 15	
Mt. Erie, Ill.....	22 30	12 00	
Montgomery County, N. Y. (L. M.).....	1,535 00	44 22	
Milford, Mass. (L. M.).....		30 00	
Monmouth Co., N. J. (L. D. & 4 L. M.).....	530 60	270 60	
Muscatine County, Iowa (3 L. M.).....	191 28	100 00	
Marshall County, Ind.....	25 00		
Madison, Ga.....	50 00		
McLean County, Ky.....	41 95		
Macomb County, Mich.....	100 00		
Mecosta County, Mich.....	40 80		
Martin County, Minn.....	20 78		
McMinn County, Tenn.....	40 00		
McLean County, Ill.....	1 40		
Monroe County, Mo.....	22 25		
Montevallo, Ala.....	50 00		
Monroe County, Ala.....	52 75		
Moore County, N. C.....	73 40		
Marion, Iowa.....	56 50		
Marietta, Ga.....	5 00		
Merriwether County, Ga.....	2 00		
Mount Yonah, Ga.....	17 50		
M'Nairy County, Tenn.....	25 00		
Marshall County, Miss.....	18 35		
Maryland, Md.....	500 00		
Memphis & Shelby County, Tenn.....	150 00		
Maine.....	493 12		
Marquette County, Wis.....	15 94		
Milwaukee County, Wis.....	5 05		
Monroe County, Wis.....	67 66		
Marshall County, Ill.....	234 03		
Milford, Texas.....	27 59		
New Brunswick Young Men's, N. J.....	7 13	150 00	
New Hampton, Iowa (bal. L. M.).....	12 24	23 11	
New Hampshire.....	93 03	906 97	
New Britain, Ct.....	48 55		
New Bedford, Mass.....	300 00		
Nashville Coloured, Tenn.....	35 00		
Nodaway County, Mo.....	30 60		
Newberry County, S. C.....	50 00		
North Carolina.....	2 70		
New York.....	3,000 60		
Onondaga County, N. Y. (2 L. M.).....	169 00	101 99	
Ontario County, N. Y. (L. M.).....	229 34	93 64	
Olmsted County, Minn.....	9 00	14 00	
Orange County, N. Y.....		110 83	
Ohio County, Ky.....	111 45		
Oswego County, N. Y.....	74 81		
Otoe County, Neb.....	100 00		
Outagamie County, Wis.....	2 00		
Oneida County, N. Y.....	75 00		
Perry County, Ill. (8 L. M.).....	119 75	316 85	
Putnam County, Ill. (L. M.).....	10 55	55 60	
Peoria County, Ill. (L. M.).....	55 (0)	39 00	
Pennsylvania, Pa. (2 L. M.).....	1,500 00	60 00	
Portage County, Ohio (L. M.).....		40 00	
Putnam County, Ohio (bal. L. M.).....	52 14	10 00	
Passaic County, N. J. (bal. L. M.).....		90 50	
Polk County, Wis.....	65 95	5 00	
Poinsett County, Ark.....	10 00		
Pulaski County, Ky.....	20 25		
Pulaski County, Ill.....	27 20		
Pottawatomie County, Ks.....	20 00		
Pike County, Mo.....	45 58		
Person County, N. C.....	1 60		
Pierce County, Wis.....	106 28		
Parke County, Ind.....	38 33		
Rensselaer County, N. Y. (L. M.).....	253 37	85 00	
Remsen, Steuben & Vic., Welsh, N. Y.....	21 17	55 38	
Rice County, Minn. (L. M.).....	160 45	40 00	
Rowan County, N. C.....	40 00		
Ritchie County, W. Va.....	20 05		
Richmond & Madison County, Ky.....	110 30		
Rutherford County, Tenn.....	70 00		
Richmond County, N. Y.....	15 68		
Randolph County, Geo.....	16 25		
Rock County, Wis.....	1 00		
Rush County, Ind.....	60 00		
Schuyler County, N. Y. (L. M.).....	115 68	35 00	
Sarpy County, Neb.....		6 30	
Seguin, Texas.....	11 05	18 20	
Saratoga County, N. Y. (L. M.).....	5 00	40 23	

Carried forward..... \$28,455 21 6,244 13 6,646 17



	Bibles.	Donations.	
Brought forward.....	\$28,455 21	6,244 13	6,646 17
Sullivan County, N. Y. (L. M.).....		30 00	
Sangamon County, Ill.....	241 28	88 00	
Sharon, Ct.....		76 60	
Sand Springs, Tex.....	34 37		
Shiawassee County, Mich.....	50 00		
Stark County, Mich.....	150 00		
Shelby County, Mo.....	45 00		
Summerfield, Ala.....	14 50		
Stanley County, N. C.....	7 35		
St Joseph County, Mich.....	93 44		
St. Lawrence County, N. Y.....	122 48		
Switzerland County, Ind.....	30 00		
Spring Green, Wis.....	127 07		
Schuyler County, Ill.....	255 40		
Tioga County, N. Y. (2 L. M.).....		60 00	
Trumbull County, Ohio (bal. L. M.)..	91 22	10 00	
Thornton & Vic., Ind.....	74 00		
Trigg County, Ky.....	80 25		
Ulster County, N. Y. (5 L. M.).....	268 56	170 00	
Union of Sauk County, Wis.....	39 25	10 00	
Union & Vic., Mich.....	74 14		
Union County, N. C.....	33 10		
Union County, Ill.....	4 00		
Vermillion County, Ind.....	109 35		
Virginia.....	800 00		
Vigo County, Ind.....	362 30		
Vermont.....	500 00		
Veal's Station, Texas.....	22 65		
Warren County, Ohio.....	200 00	30 00	
Wayne County, Ill. (L. M.).....	29 10	49 00	
Will County, Ill. (L. M.).....	100 00	88 00	
Woodford County, Ill.....		18 00	
Waukesha County, Wis.....		10 00	
Warren County, Ind.....	51 60		
Wirt County, W. Va.....	4 25		
Wayne County, Mich.....	60 11		
Watsonwan County, Minn.....	20 49		
Winnebago City, Minn.....	5 25		
Waseca County, Minn.....	61 55		
West Dodge County, Minn.....	11 14		
Wellsville, Minn.....	80 00		
Washington County, Neb.....	7 15		
White County, Ill.....	2 00		
Wamega, Ks.....	17 55		
Wayne County, N. C.....	1 50		
Washington, N. C.....	10 00		
Weston, Ga.....	37 00		
Westchester County, N. Y.....	4 18		
Worcester County, Mass.....	600 00		
Wright County, Iowa.....	14 30		
Waupaca County, Wis.....	36 00		
Wood County, Wis.....	36 05		
Walworth County, Wis.....	3 81		
Winnebago County, Wis.....	8 60		
Winnebago County, Ill.....	58 00		
York County, Me.....	8 00		
Yallabusha County, Miss.....	64 07		
	\$33,616 62	6,885 73=	40,502 35

#### REMITTANCES FROM SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY FOR BIBLES.

Bible Committee, Lee Co., Ky.....	14 10
" Searsport, Me.....	25 00
" Blanco Co., Texas.....	22 40
" Newburgh, W. Va.....	52 95
" Bowenville, Ga.....	20 00
" Coahoma, Miss.....	23 35
" Newborn, Ga.....	35 40
" Fairburn, Ga.....	13 55
" Little Compton, R. I.....	15 00
" La Fayette, Tenn.....	29 00
" Biddeford, Me.....	60 00
" Westport, Mass.....	2 00
" Edgartown, Mass.....	50
" East Greenwich, Mass.....	40 54
	353 79

#### SALES BY AGENTS.

Rev. Wm. M'Candlish, Neb.....	16 50
Rev. E. Wright, Mo.....	1 75
Rev. S. P. Whitten, Tenn.....	6 25
	24 50
Sundries.....	9,081 00
Bible Society Record.....	15 25
	\$53,623 08

#### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM EACH STATE, ETC., DURING DECEMBER, 1870.

	Bibles.	Donations.	Total.
Alabama.....	\$262 75		262 75
Arkansas.....	55 00		55 00
California.....	421 70		421 70
Colorado.....		5 00	5 00
Connecticut.....	478 00	1,267 99	1,745 99
District of Columbia.....	100 00		100 00
Florida.....		35 00	35 00
Georgia.....	385 19		385 19
Illinois.....	3,958 91	1,226 60	5,185 51
Indiana.....	1,493 69	1,294 00	2,787 69
Iowa.....	565 55	123 11	688 66
Kansas.....	252 65		252 65
Kentucky.....	1,398 39		1,398 39
Maine.....	486 12	42 90	629 02
Minnesota.....	715 46	74 00	789 46
Maryland.....	600 00		600 00
Massachusetts.....	3,683 09	428 64	4,111 73
Michigan.....	1,168 53	11 50	1,210 03
Mississippi.....	105 77	62 05	167 82
Missouri.....	447 56	25 00	472 56
Nebraska.....	381 65	11 30	392 95
New Hampshire.....	93 03	916 97	1,010 00
New Jersey.....	562 13	1,077 50	1,639 63
New York.....	15,025 14	7,423 30	22,448 44
North Carolina.....	264 65	12 00	276 65
Ohio.....	2,046 24	567 44	2,613 68
Oregon.....		33 19	33 19
Pennsylvania.....	1,524 13	628 57	2,152 70
Rhode Island.....	15 00	32 00	47 00
South Carolina.....	76 98	90 25	167 23
Tennessee.....	641 20	167 70	808 90
Texas.....	572 35	48 82	621 17
Vermont.....	506 00	50 00	556 00
Virginia.....	800 00		800 00
West Virginia.....	155 00	90 00	245 00
Wisconsin.....	876 78	60 00	936 78
Sandwich Islands.....	357 92		357 92
West Indies.....		11 07	11 07
			\$56,623 06

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